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SUPER COMPUTER
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;TARUN GOGOI

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a super computer is being imported from the USA for the meteorological forecasting;

(b) if so, the date and the level at which the decision to import the same was taken alongwith the details of the amount being spent on it;

(c) the time by which it should have been received in the country alongwith its expected time of receipt now;

(d) the reasons for delay;

(e) whether the concerned firm would also make available if so, the details in this regard; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The decision to procure a super computer system for the purpose of medium range weather forecasting was taken by the competent authority in the Ministry in June, 1996. The cost of the total system is US 1.835 Million Dollars and out of this, the cost of the super computer is US 1.51 Million Dollars.

(c) & (d) The import of the system is subject to issue of import certificate by the Ministry of Information Technology, Government of India and export licence by the US Department of Commerce to the supplier for which an application has already been made.

The actual date of shipment of the equipment and its anticipated arrival in the country can be indicated after receipt of the above clearance.

(e) The concerned firm would not make available the technology of the super computer to the country as it was not a part of the procurement package. The procurement is meant to be only one time purchase.

(f) & (g) Do not arise.